China's offer to improve relation with India

1686. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem captioned 'China keen to revive ties" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 30th October, 1991;

(b) whether the Chinese are keen to revive the age old relations with India; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Chinese Government have expressed their desire for the development of good neighbourly ties and friendly relations with India on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence.

(c) Government are sincerely committed to seeking further improvement in India-China relations and to strengthening mutual understanding. dialogue and cooperation with China in all fields.

India's plea for Reforms in UN

1687. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the recent UN General Assembly meetings Government of India pleaded for structural and functional reform in the organisation and working of the UNO in the context of recent global developments culminating in end of the cold war, and the need for further democratisation of the functioning of its various organs;

(b) if so, the details of the re forms proposed; and

(c) the response of the UN Assem bly and major members of the UN thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In his speech to the United Nations General Assembly on September 26, 1991, the External Affairs Minister referred to the current efforts at reform of the United Nations and stated that these should include meausres to make decision-making processes at the UN, particularly the Security Council, more democratic and transparent. He also urged early examination of proposals for an expansion of the Security Council, to reflect the increased membership of the UN and to ensure a more equitable and balanced representation of the members of the UN in the Council.

(c) A number of countries support these proposals. The Meeting of the Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers at Accra in September 1991 has also endorsed these proposals.

Demand of Chittagong Hill Tracks Refugees

1688. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of refugees from Chittagong Hill Tracks in Bangladesh visited New Delhi in October, 1991 calling upon Indian Government and other international organisations to intervene and stop further settlement of outsiders and to check out the ownership of the land illegally occupied by non-tribals under officials and Military sponsorships in the Chittagong Hill Tracks in Bangladesh with a view to ensuring early return of these refugees to their homeland; and